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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Federal Hill Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Lynchburg

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

Sixth (M. Caldwell Butler)

STATE

Virginia

CODE

51

COUNTY

in city

CODE

680

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

## CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☒ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple Ownership c/o Mayor

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Lynchburg

VICINITY OF

STATE  
Virginia

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lynchburg City Hall

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Lynchburg

STATE  
Virginia

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE

1969, 1974, 1979

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, 221 Governor Street

CITY, TOWN

Richmond

STATE  
Virginia 23219

## DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR  
☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Federal Hill Historic District includes some one dozen residential blocks in the heart of Lynchburg. Laid out in a grid plan, the area covers one of the city's seven hills and is separated from Lynchburg Hill, or the commercial area, by a deep valley. Two of Federal Hill's principal streets, Federal Street and Jackson Street dead end at a sharp cliff above 12th Street so that the district is rarely entered by other than local traffic. Most of the wide, tree-shaded streets retain early brick sidewalks using bricks with distinctive patterned faces. A number of slate sidewalks and granite curbs remain as well. Other street furniture includes numerous iron fences in a variety of patterns.

The district's architecture consists primarily of free-standing brick or frame houses in a variety of styles but of harmonious scale. Of chief architectural interest are several Federal-style brick houses built about the time the area was laid out. A few mid-19th-century houses are scattered through the neighborhood, and the rest of the lots are filled with complementary late 19th- and early 20th-century dwellings. Three important French Second Empire houses stand near one another on Harrison Street. The individual early 20th-century houses are generally undistinguished, but together they contribute to the visual harmony of the block facades. Yard sizes vary, and there are few vacant lots. In addition to the houses, the area has a public school building and a church, both dignified examples of Edwardian period architecture.

Federal Hill is racially mixed and has residents of high, middle and low income levels. Several houses are in poor condition while others are maintained excellently. The general appearance of the neighborhood is good, however, and the income level is rising as houses are restored. Except for Jackson Street and the southwest side of Federal Street, Federal Hill is included in the College Hill Urban Renewal Area, operated by the Lynchburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority which is assisting in upgrading the area.

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# 18 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Federal Hill is one of the most distinctive of several early neighborhoods situated on the hills surrounding the commercial area of Lynchburg. Unlike Garland Hill where the city's industrialists built their homes, Federal Hill primarily has been the residential area for merchants and civic leaders. Contained within the district's dozen blocks is a notable assemblage of free-standing dwellings in architectural styles ranging in date from the early 19th century through the Edwardian styles of the early 20th century. Most significant is the neighborhood's important collection of early Federal-style town-houses which includes some of the oldest and finest houses in the city. Few Piedmont cities of the South can boast such a distinguished grouping of Federal dwellings.

Many of Federal Hill's earliest houses were erected prior to 1819 when the neighborhood was annexed from Campbell County. These include the Ford House, 914 Federal Street; the Carrington House, 1002 Federal Street; the Otey House, 1020 Federal Street; the Thaddeus Ivey House, 1106 Federal Street; the Holcombe House, 917 Federal Street; the Poston House, 1104 Jackson Street; the Gordon House, 1023 Jackson Street; and the Crowe House, 1101 Jackson Street. All of these houses are brick and all exhibit the fine craftsmanship, proportions, and details associated with the Federal style. The exact date of the Speed House at 822 Federal Street has not been determined, but architectural evidence indicates a date around the time of the annexation. Erected for William Wiatt Norvell, a distinguished civic leader, this brick dwelling possesses particular architectural refinement, with details similar to Lynchburg's Point of Honor.

The somewhat scattered distribution of Federal Hill's early houses indicates that the area built up slowly, and that many of the lots did not receive buildings until nearly a hundred years after the streets were laid out. Thus most of the blocks have an interesting mixture of early, mid-, late 19th-, and early 20th-century dwellings that together form block facades of varied textures, materials and forms. All of the buildings are of similar scale and massing, however, so that visual order is maintained.

Federal Hill's mid-19th-century houses of note include the Winfree House at 1007 Federal Street, built in 1844 for John Bell Winfree, president of Lynchburg's first school board. The house is a pleasing example of central Virginia's somewhat restrained version of the Greek Revival style. The architecturally similar Langhorne House at 1021 Federal Street was erected in 1853 for Maurice Langhorne.

The neighborhood also possesses three of the city's purest examples of the Second Empire Style, all dating from the late 19th century. 1020 and 1121 Harrison Street have the style's characteristic mansard roof, asymmetrical facade and central tower with square dome. 1102 Harrison Street features a mansard roof and round-arch dormers but has a symmetrical facade. A small but distinctive Queen Anne-style house at 1021 Harrison Street features a rough-face, cast-stone first floor, with shingled second floor and exposed frame

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Christian, W. Asbury. Lynchburg and Its People. Lynchburg, 1900.  
Lynchburg Historical Society. "Federal Hill." Vol. 4, no. 4.  
Richmond, Va. Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Archives. Federal Hill File.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 33 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 7	6, 6, 3, 8, 9, 0	4, 1, 4, 2, 1, 0, 0
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
C	1, 7	6, 6, 4, 2, 0, 0	4, 1, 4, 1, 7, 6, 0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

QUADRANGLE NAME Lynchburg, Va.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

B	1, 7	6, 6, 4, 0, 2, 0	4, 1, 4, 2, 0, 3, 0
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
D	1, 7	6, 6, 3, 9, 5, 0	4, 1, 4, 1, 5, 7, 0

E	1, 7	6, 6, 3, 8, 6, 0	4, 1, 4, 1, 6, 8, 0
F	1, 7	6, 6, 3, 7, 8, 0	4, 1, 4, 1, 8, 5, 0
G	1, 7	6, 6, 3, 7, 5, 0	4, 1, 4, 2, 0, 8, 0

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

May 1980

STREET & NUMBER

221 Governor Street

TELEPHONE

(804) 786-3144

CITY OR TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23219

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL       

STATE X

LOCAL       

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Tucker Hill, Executive Director  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

MAY 20 1980

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

(11/78)

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The neighborhood's major non-residential buildings are the former Frank Roane School designed in the very personal eclectic style of Frye and Chesterman and the Romanesque Revival-style 8th Street Baptist Church (1899, E. G. Frye, architect).

In addition to the buildings specifically mentioned, Federal Hill possesses numerous late 19th-century and early 20th-century frame houses, most of which have interesting roof lines and richly turned Eastlake porches. One of the neighborhood's most important late houses is a handsome Georgian Revival mansion at 1101 Federal Street.

Additional information on some of Federal Hill's most important early residences is provided in historical leaflet #4, vol. IV, "Federal Hill," published by the Lynchburg Historical Society.

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7. DESCRIPTION -- Inventory (Below is an inventory of the buildings comprising the Federal Hill Historic District).

Federal Street

- 1 803: frame; 2 stories. Ca. 1860.
- 2 805: frame; 2 stories. Ca. 1890.
- 3 809: frame; 2 stories. Ca. 1890.
- 4 813: frame; 2 stories, Eastlake porch. Ca. 1890.
- 5 815: frame; 2 stories, Eastlake porch. Ca. 1890.
- 6 821: frame; 2 stories, Eastlake porch, English basement. Ca. 1860-90.
- 7 822: (Speed House): brick; 2 stories. Federal style. Ca. 1819.
- 8 900: (Former Frank Roane School): brick; 2½ stories, early 20th century. Edwardian eclectic style.
- 9 903: frame; 2 stories, late 19th century.
- 10 905: frame; 2½ stories, early 20th century.
- 11 911: frame; 2 stories. Ca. 1900.

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## 7. DESCRIPTION -- Inventory (continued)

### Federal Street (continued)

- 12 914: (Ford House): brick; 2 stories, Federal style. Ca. 1816.
- 13 917: (Holcombe House): brick; 2 stories, Federal style. Ca. 1816.
- 14 920: frame; 2½ stories, late 19th century.
- 15 922: frame; 2 stories, late 19th century, Eastlake porch.
- 16 923: Vacant lot.
- 17 1002: (Carrington House): brick; 2 stories, Federal style. Ca. 1818.
- 18 1004: frame; 2½ stories, early 20th century.
- 19 1005: Vacant lot.
- 20 1007: (Winfree House): brick; 2 stories, Greek Revival, 1844.
- 21 1012: frame; 2½ stories, early 20th century.
- 22 1015: frame; 2½ stories. Ca. 1890.
- 23 1020: (Otey House): brick; 2½ stories, Federal style. Ca. 1815.
- 24 1021-1023: (Langhorne House): brick; 2 stories, Greek Revival. 1853.
- 25 1100: frame; 2½ stories, late 19th century.
- 26 1101: brick; 2½ stories, early 20th century, Georgian Revival.
- 27 1102: frame; 2½ stories, late 19th century.
- 28 1106: (Thaddeus Ivey House): brick; 2 stories, Federal style. Ca. 1816.
- 29 1108: frame; 2½ stories, early 20th century, Doric porch.
- 30 1115: frame; 2½ stories, late 19th century, Queen Anne style, Eastlake porch.
- 31 1118: frame; 2 stories, late 19th century, modified Italianate.

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7. DESCRIPTION -- Inventory (continued)

Harrison Street

- 900: stucco; 2 stories, late 19th/early 20th century.
- 904: Vacant lot.
- 906: frame; 2 stories, late 19th century.
- 910: frame; 2 stories, late 19th century.
- 914: frame; 2 stories, late 19th century.
- 915: frame, 2 stories, late 19th century.
- 916: frame, 2 stories, late 19th century.
- 922: frame, 2 stories, late 19th century.
- 923: frame; 2 stories, late 19th century.
- 1000: frame; 2 stories, sawn work railing.
- 1004: frame; 2 stories, sawn work railing.
- 1008: brick; 2 stories; early 19th century, Federal style.
- 1001-1013: Five 2-story frame houses; ca. 1900. Eastlake porches on 1001-1005.
- 1014: brick; 2 stories with tower, late 19th century, Queen Anne style.
- 1020: brick; 1½ stories with tower, late 19th century, French 2nd Empire style.
- 1021: frame; 2 stories, cast-stone, Queen Anne style. Ca. 1900.
- 1023: brick; 2 stories, late 19th century.
- 1101: frame; 2 stories, mid-19th century, modified Greek Revival.
- 1102: brick; 2½ stories, late 19th century, French 2nd Empire style.
- 1108: Vacant lot fronted by cast-iron fence.
- 1105-1115: Three 2-story frame houses; late 19th century.
- 1112: frame; 2½ stories. Ca. 1900.

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7. DESCRIPTION -- Inventory (continued)

Harrison Street (continued)

1118: Vacant lot.

1121: brick; 1½ stories with tower, late 19th century; French 2nd Empire style.

Jackson Street

900: cinder block; 1 story, Commercial vernacular. Ca. 1950.

901: (Church): brick; 2 stories, early 20th century; Neo-Classical Revival.

902: Vacant lot.

903: Vacant lot.

909: frame; 1½ stories, early 19th century.

910: (Stable): frame; 1 story, late 19th century.

911: frame; 2 stories, mid-19th century, Federal style.

912: Vacant lot.

→ EASEMENT

1001: frame; 1 story, mid-19th century.

1005: Vacant lot.

1009: frame; 2 stories, Eastlake porch. Ca. 1900.

1011: frame; 2½ stories, mid-19th century, sawn-work porch. → EASEMENT

1013: frame; 2½ stories late 19th century,

1014: frame; 2 stories, late 19th century.

1015: frame; 2½ stories, late 19th century.

1020: frame: 2 stories, late 19th century, modified Italianate.

1023: (Gordon House): brick; 2½ stories, Federal style. Ca. 1815. → EASEMENT

1100: frame; 2 stories, late 19th century, modified Italianate.

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7. DESCRIPTION -- Inventory (continued)

Jackson Street (continued)

- 15 1101: (Crowe House): brick; 2 stories, Federal style with brick outbuilding. Ca. 1817.  
16 1104: (Poston House): brick; 1½ stories. Ca. 1815.  
17 1105: frame; 2 stories. Ca. 1890.  
18 1106: frame; 2 stories, Colonial Revival. Ca. 1900.  
19 1107: frame; 2 stories, Italianate. Ca. 1870-90.  
20 1111: frame; 2 stories. Ca. 1890.  
21 1110-12: frame; 2 stories, double house. Ca. 1890.  
22 1114: frame; 2 stories. Ca. 1890.  
23 1115: frame; 2 stories, Modified Italianate. Ca. 1860-90.

Tenth Street

- 24 810: brick; 1 story, mid- to late 19th century.

Eleventh Street

- 25 908: frame; 2½ stories. Ca. 1890.  
26 912: frame; 2½ stories. Ca. 1890.  
27 913: frame; 2½ stories. Ca. 1890.  
28 915: frame; 2½ stories. Ca. 1890.

Eighth Street

- 29 700: brick commercial structure with ca. 1940 stuccoed facade and glass block. Ca. 1880.  
30 702: brick commercial structure with original storefront with polygonal bay shop windows. Ca. 1900.  
31 801: (8th Street Baptist Church): 2-story, Romanesque Revival brick church with buff-colored brick veneer, stained-glass windows and stylized flying buttresses. E. G. Frye, architect. 1899.

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7. Description -- Inventory (continued)

Eighth Street (continued)

806: brick; 1½ stories. Ca. 1930.

810: frame; 2 stories, vernacular Queen Anne. Ca. 1910.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point 1300' S of US Route 29, 3200' E of James River, 1300' SW of intersection of Main Street and said route; thence extending 200' SSE along W side Harrison Street; thence extending 300' ESE along S side East Harrison Street to rear property lines of Harrison Street; thence extending 1100' SSE along rear property lines of the 900, 1000, and 1100 blocks of Harrison to N side of 12th Street; thence extending 1050' SSW along said side of said street; thence extending 500' NNW following rear property lines of the 1000 block of Polk Street; thence extending about 75' ENE; thence extending approximately 150' NNW; thence extending 75' ENE; thence extending about 450' NNW crossing 10th Street to S side of 9th Street; thence extending 200' NE along said side of said street crossing Jackson Street to the rear property lines of the 800 block of Federal Street; thence extending 375' NNW to S side 8th Street; thence extending 100' NNE along said side of said street; thence extending 200' NNW to rear property line of 801 8th Street; thence extending 100' NNE to W side of Federal Street; thence extending 200' SSE along said side of said street to S side of 8th Street; thence continuing along said side of said street 300' NNE to 700 Harrison Street and point of origin.



FEDERAL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
Lynchburg, VA

Scale: 1" = 200'



USGS 7.5' quadrangle  
Lynchburg, VA  
Scale 1:24,000  
1963 (PR1978)

FEDERAL HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT, Lynchburg, VA

UTM References:

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| E-17/663860/4141680 | F-17/663780/4141850 |
| G-17/663750/4142080 |                     |